Paris Getting Ready for Exposition of 1937

There is going to be a big exposition in Paris, France, in 1937, which is likely to attract many Americans. It will be built on the ground shown in this picture, the site where the Trocadero formerly stood. In the background is seen the base of the Eiffel Tower.

Kidnaper Confesses, Sentenced to Penitentiary

Speedy Justice Meted Out to Thos. H. Robinson

Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., seen above leaving an airplane at Louisville, Ky., between government agents, pleaded guilty to the charge of kidnaping Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll and was sentenced and put in the penitentiary at once. He was caught at Glendale, Calif. An alert drug store clerk penetrated his disguise as a woman, notified the authorities and soon G-Men took him into custody. The capture of Robinson was the climax in a series of arrests of public enemies, including Alvin Karpis.

Birds Go on Big Spree From a Feast on Apples

Yakima, Wash.—A flock of birds went on a drunken spree here recently, with apples that had fermented on trees in an orchard. Many of the birds could not fly after pecking at the apples, while those that could, flew sideways or upside down for short distances. The birds apparently enjoyed being intoxicated, as they kept coming back to the apples for additional tippling.

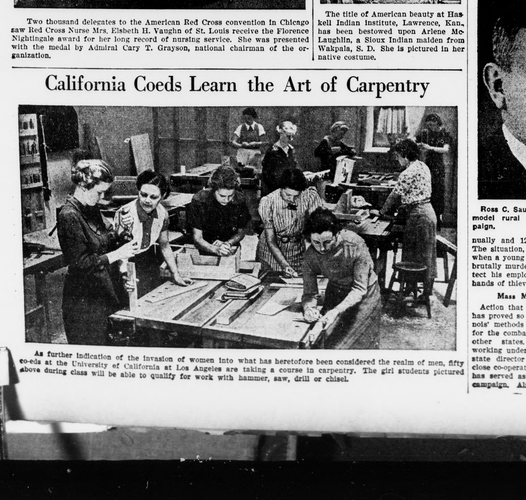
Red Cross Nurse Highly Honored

Two thousand delegates to the American Red Cross convention in Chicago saw Red Cross Nurse Mrs. Elsbeth H. Vaughn of St. Louis receive the Florence Nightingale medal for her long record of nursing service. She was presented with the medal by Admiral Cary T. Grayson, national chairman of the organization.

AMERICAN BEAUTY

The title of American beauty at Hasskell Indian institute, Lawrence, Kan., has been bestowed upon Arlene McLaughlin, a Sioux Indian maiden from Wakpala, S. D. She is pictured in her native costume.

California Coeds Learn the Art of Carpentry



As further indication of the invasion of women into what has heretofore been considered the realm of men, fifty co-eds at the University of California at Los Angeles are taking a course in carpentry. The girl students pictured above during class will be able to qualify for work with hammer, saw, drill or chisel.

VIGILANTES WAR ON RURAL

Loss From Farm Thefts Is Greater Than From Bank Ro
Kidnaping in Illinois; Organize Vigilante Co

By WILLIAM C. UTLEY

WHO is Public Enemy No. 1? The kidnaper? The gang killer? The bank robber? The racketeer?

Perhaps. At least it is these desperadoes whose spectacular exploits make the big headlines. Their ruthless and merciless work, often conducted right out in the open, is not infrequently touched up with a bit of showmanship which makes them the type of characters which fire the public imagination.

The urgency for exercising every method within human means for apprehending these criminals is not to be minimized. But the very publicity, ascending sometimes to outright ballyhoo in the enthusi-

asms of the more vigorous press, which attends their comings and goings, unfortunately overshadows another type of public enemy, who works quietly and in most cases inconspicuously, but whose evil deeds are often of more serious consequence than those of his more spectacular brother in crime.

The citizen who lives in rural areas or on the farms often entertains this Rural Public Enemy No. 1 in his own back yard without knowing it. For this is the common chicken thief. He and the others of his kind who steal horses, cattle, and farm produce and machinery are, collectively, far more important to the farmer than all of the bank robbers in creation.

Importance Is Unrealized.

Chicken stealing is usually regarded as a low type of crime, perpetrated only by the small fry, the hungry hobo or the wayward, minstrel-joke darkey. Often when the thief is caught he is

This new method of identification is applied to the ear of livestock or under the web of the wing of poultry. It facilitates identification of stolen property and thus improves chances of convicting criminals.

sent on his way with a kick in the pants or is simply given a good scare. It is not unusual to find the farmer he has attempted to burglarize protecting him from prosecution which might net him six months on a state penal farm, a sentence that might be regarded as "a little stiff" for just stealing a chicken or two.

Stiff sentence? The monetary loss to farmers last year in one state alone—Illinois—from chicken stealing and kindred rural crimes was more than the loss of the entire nation from bank robberies and kidnapings, according to Ross C. Saunders, rural crime prevention inspector for the state agriculture department. From the 271,000 farms of the state, says Saunders, there were stolen 1,500,000 chickens, 20,000 head of cattle and uncounted tools and implements.

Other states have been subjected to enormous losses from what seems on the surface to be petty thievery. A survey conducted in Indiana by a farm magazine revealed that in a single year there were 580,153 head of poultry stolen, 3,232 head of cattle, 7,123 head of other livestock, 7,123 gallons of gasoline, 27,122 bushels of grain. There were 810 thefts of tools and implements, 138 thefts of clothing, 597 thefts of goods and 2,233 miscellaneous thefts from farms.

In Illinois chicken thefts, for ten years during which some sort of check has been maintained, have averaged about a million head of chickens an-

Ross C. Saunders, leader in Illinois' model rural crime prevention campaign.

nually and 12,000 head of livestock, the situation, which reached a climax when a young man of Will county was brutally murdered while trying to protect his employer against loss at the hands of thieves, called for action.

Mass Meeting Starts It.

Action then was taken in this state has proved so successful that now Illinois' methods are serving as a model for the combat against rural crime in other states. Inspector Saunders, working under Walter L. McLaughlin, state director of agriculture, and in close co-operation with press and radio, has served as the focal head for the campaign. Already it is bearing fruit.

for while the decrease in crime throughout the nation generally last year was 13 per cent, the decrease in Illinois was 40 per cent. Especially in the last six months has the fight against rural crime proved to be a victorious one for justice.

It began in Joliet, Will county, with a mass meeting in which more than 1,000 farmers gathered following the murder of youthful John Biesenicki, who went to investigate a suspicious car in the neighborhood of his employer's farm and was shot to cold blood. Eugene Shilcut, the negro who killed him, escaped, but was found later in Tennessee, shot to death by a bullet from a .22.

Because Will county was the first openly to declare war on rural crime, the results of its meeting and organization were watched with interest by the entire Middle West. The farmers of the county themselves were in a fever heat of indignation against the three

or four complaints of theft which had been made to authorities every night.

From evidence uncovered at this meeting and at meetings in other parts of the state it became apparent that rural thievery was not the work of individuals, but of gangs. Often these gangs were led by seasoned criminals who had been driven from the cities by the efficient campaign against crime there. These leaders hired men to make systematic small thefts; the combined total of all of them was enough to stamp the new racket as important.

Cattle Rustling Returns.

Even cattle rustling became big business to the gangs, although it was not, to be sure, the cattle rustling of the old West. In these days of smooth, concrete highways and fast-moving trucks it is possible to steal a few head of cattle, load them onto a truck and move them across a state in a single night. Often the gangs worked in relays, one truck spiriting away the stolen animals and another waiting for the load to be transferred to it at the state line. Sometimes the gang's hideout was 300 or 400 miles away from the area where most of their thievery was perpetrated.

Farmers, slow to awaken to the seriousness of the disappearance of their livestock and chickens a few head at a time, were often entirely unaware that their neighbors were experiencing similar losses. Small losses were seldom reported; farmers in some cases undoubtedly thought themselves fully capable of coping with a common chicken thief. Where it was actually discovered that the thefts were the work of gangs or of the more desperate type of criminal, farm families hesitated to report thefts for fear the burglars would return and set their houses or farm buildings on fire.

The answer seems now to be that in union there is strength. Thirty days after the Will county farmers met and organized, Sheriff Breen was able to report that thievery had stopped.

How did these farmers effect this efficient clean-up so swiftly?

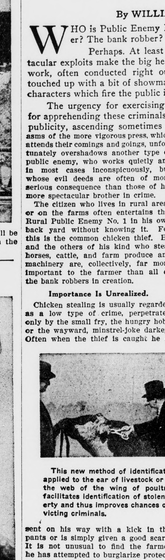
Eyes Opened, Ears Peeled.

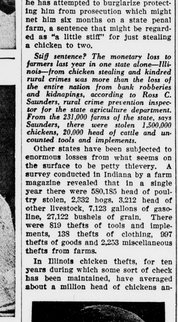
Definite instructions are given all farmers in the area. Farmers and their families are trained to be on the lookout for suspicious automobiles and suspicious-looking strangers and strangers on the farm. When a theft is reported, the farmers immediately report any action or persons of a suspicious nature that they may have observed at or near the time of the theft. More often than not the information obtained leads to a solution of the crime.

How this works may be shown by a few examples:

Recently a man was convicted of cattle-stealing in Iowa. He had been transporting the cattle through Illinois to his farm near South Bend, Ind. Two women saw his truck at an oil station and the furtive manner of its occupants aroused suspicion. The women copied the name and address from the side of the truck. The result was an arrest, followed by conviction and the recovery of the cattle by the owner.

A farmer near Chicago saw a car parked along the open highway for no apparent reason. He became suspicious,





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took down the license number and reported it. The man was arrested for stealing chickens thrown in a sack. He had gone and had also stolen poultry in nearby

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